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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Please do not accept the proposed settlement with Microsoft. It is not in the public interest. It leaves Microsoft's monopoly intact, is imprecise, unenforceable, and allows the company plenty of opportunities to exempt itself from important provisions.

The applications barrier to entry which must be reduced or eliminated. Any settlement or order needs to ensure that consumers can run any of the 70,000 existing Windows applications on any other operating system.

The settlement must provide ways for any combination of non-Microsoft operating systems, applications, and software components to operate properly with Microsoft products. Consumers must have a la carte competition and choice so that they and not Microsoft choose the products on their computers.

The remedies proposed by the Plaintiff Litigating States are in the public interest and completely necessary, but they are not sufficient without the additional ones mentioned above.

The court is required to hold public proceedings, under the Tunney Act, giving citizens and consumer groups an equal opportunity to participate, along with Microsoft's competitors.

Sincerely yours,
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